

with that. In the 50s there was something called a panty girdle and, believe me, after grawing on a panty girdle for awhile a person gets full and has to ask for a doggy bag to take home the rest for later.

On the screen Monique dreamed of her voracious lovers. There they were -- laughing, waving, flossing. This is where we came in, but leaving we vow that the first one to devour an entire pair will call the other immediately.

That is the kind of friends we are. We talk on the phone for hours and we tell each other everything.

"OBSESSED WITH SEX"

-- a critic

As if that's easy at my age.
And, anyway: I'll bet
if I stopped being obsessed
with sex for as little as 10
working days, my place in
this already over-crowded field
would be taken. I'd be forgotten
and the new guy, Don Crotch, Don Crotch,
would be in -- "Read the new
Crotch poems? 'Appetite
for life,' says the HoHo News
but obsessed, you know, with sex
like what's-his-name used to be."

RAPUNZEL

never had a postcard or a phone
call, just men in the shrubbery
yodeling up at her.

And once they arrived, no one
even looked at her outfit.
Just her you-know-what.

Maybe Supercuts is the answer,
after all, and a different kind
of life where every day is

just every day, not an 8-hour
shift of men on the tower walls.
Gosh, to walk in a straight line

for hours, to always have enough
shampoo, to be in the world
of the Occupant brochure

where every dental assistant
is cheery, every welder happy
as a triumphant knight with
his visor thrown back.

IF YOU LIVED HERE YOU'D BE HOME NOW

If you lived here you'd be home now
and big sea birds would guide the car
into the orchard.

If you lived here you'd be home now
where sadness never comes, stopped
at the gate by armed guards.

If you lived here you'd be home now
where rapture of the deep lasts
forever and the dark is like
a beautiful wife who sits down
at the piano after dinner.

If you lived here you'd be home now
where the children come in
and they're not bandaged anymore
and there are Mom & Dad with
the stars behind them.

-- Ron Koertge

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